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**\$200,000 available for Moose Plate conservation grants**

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The State Conservation Committee announced today that it is seeking grant applications from towns, cities, nonprofits, and other organizations engaged in natural resource conservation projects. The State Conservation Committee is a NH state government agency that has provided inter-agency natural resource coordination and overseen New Hampshire's ten County Conservation Districts for over 60 years.

The State Conservation Committee has awarded nearly \$615,000 to over 50 towns and organizations since 2002 for the purpose of supporting soil, water, wildlife habitat, and other natural resource conservation projects throughout the state," said Michele L. Tremblay, Executive Director, State Conservation Committee. "These grants have leveraged tremendous local support and resources as well as federal and foundation funding."

Each time a NH citizen purchases or renews his or her car registration with a Moose Plate, a portion of the registration fee goes to the State Conservation Committee for its Moose Plate Grant Program. The grant program is open to County Conservation Districts, County Cooperative Extension natural resource programs, municipal conservation agencies, schools, scout groups, and other nonprofit entities engaged in natural resource conservation programs.

"This program is wholly supported by the NH citizens who purchase and renew 'Moose Plate' license plates," Ken Kettenring, Chair of the State Conservation Committee explained. "You can find further information about this grant and download an application from our website at [nh.gov/SCC](http://nh.gov/SCC). Our site is also linked to the [mooseplate.com](http://mooseplate.com) site, where you can learn about all of the important programs that are supported by the Moose Plate and find information on how you can change your own vehicle's registration to obtain one."